

Sister Cities International

A Sister City relationship is created when an American community joins with a community in another nation to develop friendly and meaningful exchanges. The ideal affiliation involves a large number of citizens and organizations in both communities engaged in continuing projects of mutual interest.

The Sister City program as a national concept was launched at the White House in 1956 when President Dwight D. Eisenhower called for massive exchanges between Americans and the people of other lands. This was his way of helping to promote world peace. Hundreds of American cities responded and Lexington was one of the first when it twinned with Deauville, France in 1957.

Sister Cities International is a tax exempt, non-profit association headquartered in Washington, DC and governed by a volunteer Board of Directors. The national association provides a mechanism for U.S. cities to enter this program by assisting them in the process of linking with a city in another country.

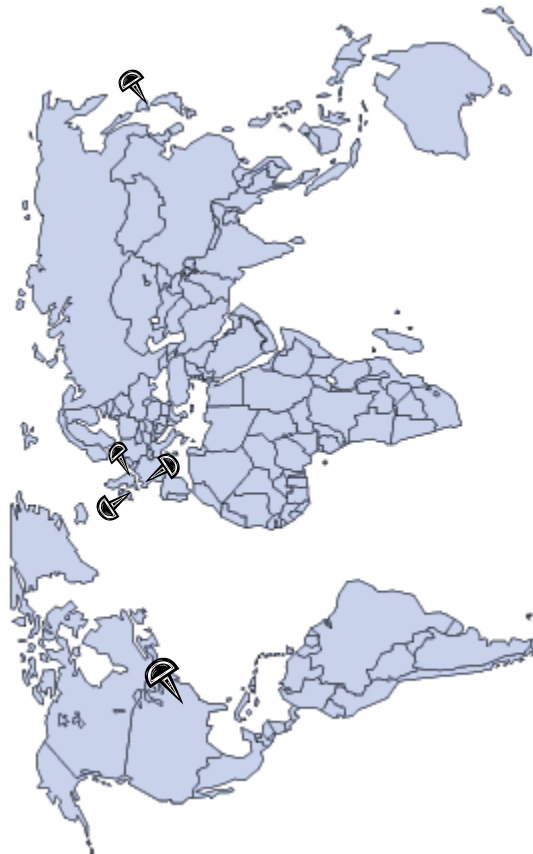
Lexington Sister Cities Commission

- Oversees and assists the Deauville, Kildare, Shinhidaka and Newmarket Committees with projects and programs.
- Assists the government in proper reception of the many foreign visitors and dignitaries who frequent the Lexington area annually.
- Assists the government in international trade relations and promotion.
- Assists the government and its agencies in tourism and travel promotion on the international and national levels.
- Maintains direct contact with Sister Cities International and initiates contact with networking agencies in the Lexington area and state.
- Informs and educates the public concerning the operation of the Commission and the active programs.
- Assists other cities in Kentucky participating in the Sister Cities program.

The Sister Cities Program offers the opportunity to:

- Learn about and participate in international relations.
- Experience other cultures, language, art, music and ideas.
- Understand the economics of world trade and tourism and increase our international business partnerships.
- Participate in cooperative community programs based on diversity.

Cities of the Horse



Lexington

Sister Cities Commission



"Promoting peace through mutual respect, understanding and cooperation—one individual, one community at a time."

Deauville, France

Deauville, France is Lexington's oldest sister city. The two cities were paired in 1957, and celebrated their 50th anniversary in November of 2007.



Both Lexington and Deauville share passions for the thoroughbred industry, which brings the two cities even closer through their Sister Cities relationship. Deauville is located on the channel coast near the port of LeHarve, and about 100 miles away from Paris. It's magnificent scenery brings in many tourists every summer.

County Kildare, Ireland

County Kildare has been a Sister City of Lexington since 1984. The two cities celebrated their 25th anniversary in July of 2009.

County Kildare is the center of the thoroughbred industry in Ireland, and is home to the Irish National Stud, the top breeding facility in Ireland. County Kildare is located only 25 km from Dublin, and includes wonderful medieval castles and tow-



ers, as well as golf courses, museums, parks, and the famous Irish Derby.

Shinjidaka, Japan



Lexington has been a Sister City with Shinjidaka since 1988. When they first twinned, the city was named Shizunai. In March 2006, the town

of Shizunai merged with the town of Mitsuishi, becoming the city Shinjidaka. Shinjidaka is located on the island of Hokkaido, with a population of 30,000. Shinjidaka has the largest sales pavilion for auctioning horses in Japan, and includes many thoroughbred farms surrounding the city.

Cherry blossom trees are a popular attraction and when visiting, you will also experience the scenic beauty of mountains, sea, rolling meadows and lakes.

Newmarket, England

Newmarket became Lexington's newest Sister City in 2003. Yet another home of great horse racing, Newmarket is known as the "Headquarters and Home of British Racing". London is only 60 miles away, and Cambridge, home of the world famous university, is 12 miles from Newmarket.

When visiting Newmarket and the beautiful Forest Heath area in East Anglia, you'll experience world-



class horse racing, art museums, amazing Cathedrals, Britain's largest lowland pine forest and welcoming market towns.

Lexington Sister Cities Membership Application

Name(s) _____

Street Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone (Home) _____

(Work) _____

E-mail Address _____

Company Name _____

Membership Categories

<input type="checkbox"/> Youth (18 and under)	\$5
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	\$25
<input type="checkbox"/> Family (Includes children under 18)	\$45
<input type="checkbox"/> Corporate	\$250
<input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime Ambassador (Individuals only)	\$500

Areas of Volunteer Interest

<input type="checkbox"/> Host Family	<input type="checkbox"/> Dinner Host
<input type="checkbox"/> Fundraiser	<input type="checkbox"/> Special Events
<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Tour Guide
<input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter	
<input type="checkbox"/> Accompany Visitors on Outings	
<input type="checkbox"/> Translator (French or Japanese)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Deauville, France Committee	
<input type="checkbox"/> County Kildare, Ireland Committee	
<input type="checkbox"/> Shinjidaka, Japan Committee	
<input type="checkbox"/> Newmarket, England Committee	

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